

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and the following remarks.

The Applicants acknowledge with appreciation that claims 6, 13 and 14 are directed to allowable subject matter.

The Applicants wish to thank Examiner Phung for the courtesy shown to the undersigned during a telephone interview on August 3, 2009. During this interview, the above amendments to the claims were discussed, and Examiner Phung indicated that the above amendments should be considered as not raising new issues despite the altered dependency of certain dependent claims and the revisions to method claim 29.

The Advisory Action of July 24, 2009 indicated that the Amendment under 37 CFR 1.116 filed June 29, 2009 was not entered due to new issues.

The present Second Amendment under 37 CFR 1.116 is intended to place this application in condition for allowance with claims directed to the allowable subject matter of claims 6, 13 and 14.

Accordingly, claims 1-5 are now canceled. Claims 6 and 13 are now in independent form. Also, claims 7-12, 15-28, and 30 depend from allowable claim 6 and thus are deemed to be allowable. Claim 29 has been amended to be a method claim corresponding to the subject matter of claim 6.

Accordingly, in light of the foregoing, it is submitted that all pending claims are directed to allowable subject matter, and a notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

If any issues remain which may best be resolved through a telephone communication, the examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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